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I'm here today on behalf of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America – a grassroots effort formed in the wake of Sandy Hook. Those of us speaking here today speak on behalf of a significant and growing presence of concerned and VOTING citizens in Colorado who are outraged at the failure of our leaders to act after yet another mass murder. It has been 80 days since Sandy Hook and 8 months since Aurora and what has been done to attempt to prevent another mass murder? Nothing.

We recognize that there is not one solution that will save every life needlessly lost to gun violence but we do not accept that these un-natural causes of death need to be part of the American existence. Paraphrasing what Senator Durbin said last week at the SJC hearing - if it is common in America to have a military style assault rifle with a high capacity magazine, if that is what we need to protect ourselves in schools and churches and malls and movie theaters – if we have escalated our acceptance of gun violence to the point of near military readiness, then God save us as you have no idea how far backwards we've gone.

We are demanding that action be taken to reduce the likelihood and reduce the carnage inflicted when weapons of mass destruction get into 'the wrong hands.' We now know that there are some photos of the mutilated children at Sandy Hook in the public's possession. Is this what it will take to motivate our officials to act? Do you need to see how horrific it was in order to do something? Or does this need to personally touch everyone before we are moved to enact some sensible legislation? I sincerely hope that we can cobble together more empathy than that.

I hope you all had a chance to view Senator Feinstein's video of an SSAR-15 equipped with slide fire that "simulates automatic fire" (www.gunsamerica.com) – the video is chilling and informative. There is no distinguishable difference between that and automatic gun fire. There is absolutely no chance to escape under that rapid fire, and when equipped with a high capacity magazine, death is ensured.

How can anyone honestly argue that it doesn't matter how many bullets are fired? We are talking about lives, PEOPLE, in front of each of those bullets. If a shooter takes a split second to reload, or fumbles as he is changing the magazine – I think we can all recognize that as an opportunity for intervention or possible escape.

And it isn't just moms, dads, liberals, moderate Republicans, city dwellers, police chiefs and mayors who support this legislation. A recent FOX NEWS poll indicates that 91% favor requiring universal background checks including private sales. The same FOX NEWS poll indicates that 56% percent favor the banning of high capacity ammunition clips. A Johns Hopkins' survey with a bigger sample size (2,703) found that 68% support banning the sale of large capacity ammunition magazines. We are not alone in demanding change.

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Enough is enough. If we fail to act, if we fail to speak out on behalf of those who can no longer do so, then we are as culpable as the person pulling the trigger.